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SUBJ: PRESS KNOWLEDGE OF TCK SMUT PROBLEM

REF: HONG KONG 3124

1. NEWSWEEK HAS CONFIRMATION FROM TWO ADDITIONAL SOURCES OF BASICS OF TCK SMUT PROBLEM. MINUS A FEW PROPER NAMES, THEY KNOW THAT SOME SHIPMENTS ARE INFECTED, HAVE BEEN REFUSED BY THE CHINESE AND THAT COMPANY REPRESENTATIVES ARE NEGOTIATING INPEKING WITH THE CHINESE TAKING A VERY HARD STANCE. (SEE REFTEL)

2. NEWSWEEK ALSO HAS STORY THAT VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE HAS SAID THAT FUTURE AGRICULTURAL IMPORTS WILL BE SMALLER AND ESSENTIALLY TIED TO VALUE OF PRC AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS. NEWSWEEK TENDS TO LINK THESE TWO STORIES AND FORESEES POSSIBLE SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON U.S. TRADE WITH CHINA.

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3. ACTION REQUESTED:

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(1) REQUEST DEPARTMENT PROVIDE HONG KONG AND USLO
AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE PRESS GUIDANCE ON TCK SMUT PROBLEM.
(2) SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE BUTZ SHOULD KNOW THAT
HE MAY BE QUESTIONED ABOUT WHEAT SMUT AND GRAIN SHIPMENTS
TO CHINA WHILE HERE IN HONG KONG WHETHER OR NOT
NEWSWEEK STORY BREAKS BEFORE HIS ARRIVAL.
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